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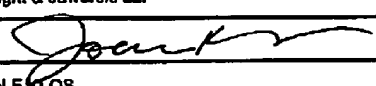
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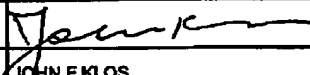
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In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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